tells Joshi", published in the Stateman, dated November 7, 1998; and

(b) if so, the action taken by Government as a part of Centre-State interaction on law and order in the city as per Article 355 of the Constitution?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No such statement as referred to in the news item was made by the Prime Minister.

Inter-State Council

1163. SHRI S. PETER ALPHONSE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) when was the last Inter-State Council Meeting held this year;

(b) the concrete recommendations made at the meeting; and

(c) the action taken on the recommendations by Government?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): (a) to (c) No meeting of the Inter-State Council has been held this year. The Inter-State Council and its Standing Committee have been reconstituted recently. A meeting of the Standing Committee is scheduled to be held on the 19th December, 1998.

Crime in Mumbai

1164. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of people killed in various crime in Mumbai during January to November, 1998, month-wise;

(b) the details of measures taken by Government to curb the rising crime-graph in Mumbai; and

(c) how the Mumbai Police is being empowered to tackle the growing incidents of crime?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) Available information in regard to the number of persons killed in Mumbai during the year 1998, month-wise, is given below:

Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov

24 24 38 33 36 40 20 35 25 N.A. N.A.

(b) and (c) 'Public Order' and 'Police' are State subject under the constitution of India. As such, the prevention of crimes as well as the investigation and detection of crimes are primarily the responsibility of the State Governments. The Central Government, however, exteds financial assistance to the State Governments for improving their policing structure. The Central Government also shares intelligence with the State Governments and sends them advisories from time to time.

Christian Missionaries

1165. SHRI JIBON ROY:
SHRI CO. POULOSE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the statement made by Dr. S.K. Jain, Convenor of Bajrang Dal that the Christian Missionaries should be asked to leave India;

(b) if so, the details of the statement made by him;

(c) whether Government have examined the charges levelled By Dr. Jain; and

(d) the findings of Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): (a) and (b) A news item appeared in 'Asian Age' daily on September 5, under the title 'Missionaries, quit India; Bajrang Dal' wherein Dr. Surendra Kumar Jain of Bajrang Dal alleged that Christian missionaries were helping separatist